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87TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2726

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 23, 1962

Mr. WILEY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

To provide for the establishment of a Citizens' Council for the Spread of Freedom.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **FINDINGS AND PURPOSE**

4 SECTION 1. The Congress finds and declares that the
5 ideological struggle between the free world and the Com-
6 munist powers is one of the most crucial fronts of the "cold
7 war". Political, economic, and military alignments can well
8 be shaped by its outcome. If the ideals of freedom, as
9 symbolized in this country, are to prevail in that struggle
10 for men's minds and hearts the vague, blurred, and often
11 distorted image of America which has been created by our

1 adversaries must be replaced with a picture of the American
2 and free way of life which is not only truthful but under-
3 standable to other peoples and translatable to their needs
4 and aspirations.

5 It is the purpose of this Act to provide, through a high-
6 level Council composed of outstanding persons from private
7 life who are leaders in the informational fields, and officials
8 from the legislative and executive branches of the Govern-
9 ment, for a reevaluation of the scope of the Communist
10 ideological challenge, and of the adequacy of existing pro-
11 grams, together with recommendations for improving
12 policies and procedures, to meet that challenge.

ESTABLISHMENT OF COUNCIL

14 SEC. 2. (a) There is hereby established a Council to be
15 known as the Citizens' Council for the Spread of Freedom
16 (hereinafter referred to as the "Council").

17 (b) The Council shall be composed as follows:

18 (1) Four members appointed by the President
19 from private life;

20 (2) Four members appointed by the President of
21 the Senate, two from the Senate (one from each political
22 party) and two from private life;

(3) Four members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, two from the House of

1 Representatives (one from each political party) and two
2 from private life;

3 (4) Three members to be designated by the Presi-
4 dent, one from each of the following agencies: the
5 United States Information Agency, the Central Intelli-
6 gence Agency, and the Agency for International Devel-
7 opment; and

8 (5) Such other members as the President may
9 designate, from time to time, as essential to the functions
10 of the Council.

11 (c) In selecting members from private life, the Presi-
12 dent, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
13 House of Representatives, respectively, shall make certain
14 that at least half of these members represent radio, television,
15 publishing, and/or other major forms of mass media or other
16 information dissemination or evaluation fields.

17 (d) The Council shall elect a Chairman and a Vice
18 Chairman from among the members.

19 (e) Any vacancy in the Council shall not affect its
20 powers, but shall be filled in the same manner in which the
21 original appointment was made.

22 (f) Eight members of the Council shall constitute a
23 quorum, but a lesser number may conduct hearings.

1 DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL

2 SEC. 3. The Council shall reevaluate the scope of the
3 Communist ideological challenge, and the adequacy of exist-
4 ing programs, policies, and procedures to meet the challenge.

5 In carrying out its function, the Council shall—

6 (1) make recommendations for the presentation
7 abroad of a more realistic picture of the American way
8 of life in a manner which is understandable to other
9 peoples;

10 (2) consider and make recommendations with re-
11 spect to the more effective utilization of the technique
12 and methods developed by private enterprise specialists
13 in the mass media fields for the presentation abroad of
14 the American way of life;

15 (3) formulate a program to meet the immediate
16 and long-range needs occasioned by the Communist
17 ideological offensive;

18 (4) make recommendations for coordinating ap-
19 proved programs and policies at all levels of Govern-
20 ment; and

21 (5) make recommendations for concerted and co-
22 operative action among the nations of the free world
23 in meeting the Communist ideological offensive.

1 COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS

2 SEC. 4. (a) Members of the Council from the legislative
3 and executive branches of the Government shall serve with-
4 out additional compensation, but they shall be reimbursed
5 for travel, subsistence, and other necessary expenses incurred
6 by them in the performance of the duties of the Council.

7 (b) Members of the Council from private life shall each
8 receive \$50 per diem when engaged in the performance of
9 the duties of the Council, plus reimbursement for travel, sub-
10 sistence, and other necessary expenses incurred by them in
11 the performance of such duties.

12 STAFF OF THE COUNCIL

13 SEC. 5. The Council shall have power to appoint and
14 fix the compensation of such personnel as it deems advisable,
15 without regard to the provisions of the civil service laws and
16 the Classification Act of 1949.

17 POWERS OF THE COUNCIL

18 SEC. 6. (a) The Council, or any authorized member
19 thereof, may, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions
20 of this Act, hold such hearings and sit and act at such times
21 and places, and take such testimony, as the Council or such
22 member may deem advisable. Any member of the Council

1 may administer oaths or affirmations to witnesses appearing
2 before the Council or before such member.

3 (b) The Council is authorized to secure directly from
4 any department, agency, or independent instrumentality
5 of the executive branch of the Government any information
6 it deems necessary to carry out its functions under this Act;
7 and each such department, agency, or instrumentality is
8 authorized and directed to furnish such information to the
9 Council upon request made by the Chairman or Vice
10 Chairman.

11 **REPORTING**

12 SEC. 7. The Council shall make a report of its findings
13 and recommendations to the President and to the Congress
14 not later than six months following its formation. Upon
15 the submission of its report all functions and powers of the
16 Commission shall terminate. There shall be included in such
17 report recommendations for subsequent evaluations, from
18 time to time as the Council may deem necessary, of our
19 information programs for the purpose of keeping such pro-
20 grams adequate to the challenge.

21 **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATION**

22 SEC. 8. Such sums as may be necessary to carry out
23 the provisions of this Act are hereby authorized to be
24 appropriated.

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